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EXAMINER: MARGARET V. EINSMANN

FOR: Methods for Laundering Delicate Garments

in a Washing Machine

P&G CASE: 7341

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION SUMMARY DATED

The Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

REMARKS

Applicants are responding to the Office Action dated August 29, 2003. The Office Action requires Applicants to elect an invention to which the claims will be restricted. The Office Action indicates the following groupings:

Group 1, claims 1 - 8, 16 - 26, 38, and 42, drawn to a container.

Group 2, claims 9 - 15, 27 - 29, and 43, drawn to a cleaning kit.

Group 3, claims 30 - 36, 39 - 41, drawn to a cleaning process.

Group 4, claim 37, drawn to an article.

Applicants elect with traverse to prosecute the claims of Group 1. Whether or not the groups have common technical features will be determined during examination on the merits. Should the Office find